started spreading its network in the country, especially in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this international outfit is being supported by certain local terrorist outfits; and

(d) if so, the names of such outfits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Available inputs do not confirm direct presence of Al-Quaida in the country.

Bases of terrorist organisations

†956. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the bases set up throughout the country by various terrorist organisations like LeT, SIMI, Hizbul Muzahidin etc.;

(b) if so, the action being taken to destroy the same; and

(c) if not, who is responsible for this failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Central and State security and intelligence agencies continue to focus on busting of such bases. As per available information upto June, 2006, 36 such terrorist modules have been neutralized in different parts of the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Persons deported from other countries

957. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons connected with Punjab crisis who have come to India under the extradition agreements;

(b) how many of them have been sentenced or acquitted by the courts;

(c) how many persons are yet to be deported from abroad under the scheme; and

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(d) whether Government of India give any assurance to the concerned countries about the punishment to be given to the alleged accused; if so, the nature of such commitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, the persons connected with Punjab crisis who have been extradited/deported to India are: Devinder Pal Singh Bhullar, Daya Singh Lahoria, Ranjit Singh, Sukhwinder Singh, Harpal Singh Cheema, Kulbir Singh Barapind, Kamaljeet Kaur and Gurbachan Singh.

(b) As per available information, 3 such persons have been convicted and one person has been acquitted.

(c) Continuous efforts are made to get the remaining persons whose locations are known, extradited/deported to India.

(d) the Government has not given any such assurance in respect of the persons deported/extradited to India as mentioned in reply to Part (a) above.

Disparity in pay-scales

†958. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an anomaly has occurred in the pay scales of Translators/ Assistant Director (official language) of the Central Secretariat official in Language service and the Hindi Translator/Assistant Directors of the subordinate offices has arisen by the Ministry's office order No. 13/6/2006 O.L. (service) dated 02.04.2004;

(b) whether the fourth and fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended to remove the disparity in the pay scales of the employees working on the same posts and doing the same work; and

(c) if so, action being taken to remove the anomaly that has occurred in their pay scales?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Orders relating to pay scales of Junior Translators/Senior Translators and Assistant Directors of the Central Secretariat Official Language Service were issued *vide* Ministry's Office Order No. 13/6/2002-O.L. (Service), dated 5.4.2004. These pay scales

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